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## **Sen. Schauer, MDOT finalize plans** **for M-60 preservation and improvements**

**April 6, 2004** - - The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Senator Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) today announced two phases of preservation and improvements to M-60 in Homer and Albion townships. The first phase of preservation work - 3.1 miles of new asphalt - will begin in April and conclude in May of this year.

"This is good news right now for drivers in southwest Michigan and the people who live and work in Homer and Albion townships," said Sen. Schauer. "By working together with MDOT and Calhoun County we have been able to schedule these important improvements almost immediately - and that means smoother, safer travel during the all-important summer months when tourism and commercial traffic are so important to local communities."

Sen. Schauer and State Transportation Director Gloria J. Jeff also announced that the second phase of the improvements to M-60 will proceed in 2007. Those improvements will be made to the entire 4.6-mile length of M-60 in Homer and Albion townships, and will include shoulder and guardrail improvements, as well as new pavement.

"MDOT is committed to growing Michigan's economy, and that means making sure that important trunklines like M-60 - where almost one-quarter of all traffic is commercial - are in the best and safest possible condition," said Director Jeff. "MDOT's partnership with Sen. Schauer and local communities will result in a better transportation system for Calhoun County and all of Michigan."

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Schauer is the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He represents the 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County